

*In Loving Memory of*

*Jacqueline F. Williams*

Sunrise: May 20, 1941  
Sunset: October 12, 2022



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

Mrs. Jacqueline Williams, 41-year veteran of the Board of Education, passed quietly from this life on October 12, 2022. Born on May 20, 1941 in Bluefield, West Virginia, Jacqueline moved with her husband Sam to New York in 1960 and later settled in Newark, New Jersey in 1962. She worked as Physical Education and health teacher for the Newark Public School system from 1962 until 1987. She then became a Drug Coordinator for the school system until her retirement in 2003.

Jacqueline participated in many and varied interests including the boxing Commission for the State of New Jersey. She was an active member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her induction into the sorority came as she attended Bluefield State College and continued as recently as two weeks ago, as she attended a premiere of the “Woman King” with her Sorors, dresses in African finery. She was an avid reader, with James Paterson being one of her favorite authors and maintained membership on several book clubs throughout the city.

“Jackie” as a lot of her friends called her, enjoyed her family. Her son and daughter-in-law Annette, along with their daughter Sha’Ne enjoyed many outings dinners, parties, cook outs together. Her daughter De Neice and son-in-law John enjoyed talking on the phone, visits to Pittsburgh, family reunions. Her additional grandchildren, Aja, Jordan, Christopher, and Ian added to her pride as a devoted grandmother. As pleasant and loving as Jackie was, playing cards showed you a different side of her personality. She would talk “smack” as she happily whipped you in any card game you dared to play with her. She never, ever “let” you win, but thoroughly enjoyed beating you without sympathy or mercy, and then would feed you when she was done!

She was outgoing and maintained close relationships with friends and extended family. She was an exquisite decorator, a sharp dresser, and was an overall “classy lady.” She loved to dance, sing, attend concerts and plays, and engage in domestic and foreign travel. She was well- rounded and an extraordinary woman of business and leisure.

Jackie leaves to mourn her beloved children, Sam (Annette) of East Orange; De Neice (John); grandchildren Sha’Ne, Aja (Josh), Jordan, Christopher, Ian; great-grandchildren – Ayauna, Genesis, and Aiden, many other close family members to include sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Order of Service

OFFICIANT – REV. DR. JOHN C. WELCH

Prelude

Final Viewing.....In the Hands of Cotton Funeral Services

Prayer of Comfort .....Rev. Dr. John C. Welch

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 23 - Rev. Darlene Figgs

New Testament: II Corinthians 1:3-7

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Mrs. Vivian Carter

MEMORIAL FOR MRS. JACQUELINE F. WILLIAMS

Remarks (Two Minutes Please)

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Aja Adams

Ms. Jordan Welch

Mr. J. “Christo” Welch

Mr. Ian “Benji” Welch

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. B. De Neice Welch

Committal .....Rev. Dr. B. De Neice Welch

Recessional

Cremation  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.  
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's  
size  
But when I start to tell them,  
They think I'm telling lies.  
I say,  
It's in the reach of my arms  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need of my care,  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.  
~Maya Angelou



### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Mrs. Jacqueline F. Williams would like to express their sincere appreciation for the cards, letters, calls, and sentiments of kindness and love during our time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your extensions of love and support.*

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